

REMARKS

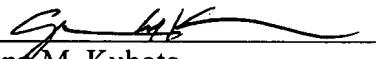
The specification has been amended to include a reference to related application 09/663, 277, filed on September 15, 2000. An IDS is also being submitted concurrently herewith which includes all of the references cited in the related application that have not already been considered by the Examiner in the present application.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5752 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 490962001000.

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